

School of Public Policy and Administration

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Congratulations to MPPAL Student **Jahina Perinparajah on receiving an **Award of Excellence from the Immigration and Refugee Board**** in recognition of her exceptional professionalism and dedication in the service of the Refugee Protection Division, by ensuring that hearings continued to be held efficiently and fairly as the Division transformed its processes and approaches in response to the coronavirus pandemic.



Jahina Perinparajah is currently a 2nd year MPPAL student. She completed her Honours Bachelors in Law and Society in 2016 at York University and also holds an Honours certificate in Paralegal Studies from Humber College from 2013. She currently works at the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada as a Registry Officer since 2017.

“I started the MPPAL program in 2019 hoping that it would assist me in my career development by teaching me skills and knowledge to advance in my career. The MPPAL program has supported my educational and career development. and the networking aspect has introduced me to professors and students who I’ve build connections with. As the end of the winter term quickly approaches one lesson that resonates with me from the Leadership and HR Management course is that employee recognition is critical and helps employees feel appreciated.” – Jahina Perinparajah

REMINDER
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2021 SPPA AWARDS
Nomination Deadline is Monday, April 12, 2021

The **Undergraduate Student Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent undergraduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The **Graduate Student Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one current student or recent graduate student to the activities and programs of the School.

The **Alumni Recognition Award** acknowledges exceptional contributions made by one alumnus/alumna to the activities and programs of the School, as well as to the mentoring of its students and new professionals.

The **Foster – Greene Award for Excellence in Public Policy, Administration and Law** recognizes an alumnus/alumna of the MPPAL program whose work has demonstrably and significantly advanced social justice, human rights, ethics and good governance in congruence with the MPPAL program's founding principles. The Award recipient will normally have min. 10 years of work experience in the broader public/NGO sector.

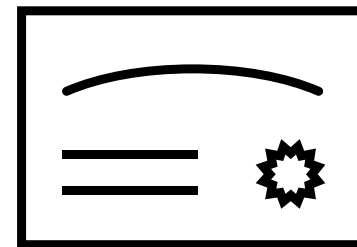
The **Emerging Leader Award** recognizes a current student or recent alumnus/alumna of the School who is an emerging leader within the broader public sector (including the non-profit sector) and represents the ideals, values and abilities of sound, responsible and engaging public policy and administration in congruence with the School's vision to promote Good Governance. The Award recipient will normally have 5-8 years of work experience in the broader public sector.

The **Practicum Honouree Award** recognizes individuals who have made exceptional efforts to provide practicum opportunities for the School's fourth-year students.

The 2020 award winners were honoured at the SPPA Virtual Awards Ceremony with the keynote address delivered by Judith D'Souza-Soares, York MPPAL Alumna. **For further details about the 2020 awards celebration, please click [here](#).**

Nominations for the above awards are invited from faculty, staff, individual students and alumni, as well as associations of students, alumni, and friends of the School. Nominations require a one-page statement of the accomplishments of the individual as well as a copy of his or her resume.

Please forward materials, or questions, to:
Director, School of Public Policy and Administration care of: Angelica McManus Phone: 416-736-2100 ext. 20674; E-mail: angmc320@yorku.ca



York University Writing Centre Zoom Workshop

Revising Your Sentences
Thursday, March 18, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Zoom [link](#)

Want to offer your audience a precise, clean, and distraction-free reading experience? Join the Writing Centre's Zoom workshop "Revising Your Sentences" and learn how to compel readers with well-crafted and direct writing.

No RSVPs. Just show up!



YORK UNIVERSITY EVENT! 4th Annual Trans-Gathering Workshop

[Student Counselling, Health & Well-being](#) and the [Centre for Sexual Violence Response, Support & Education](#) are proud to jointly present the 4th Annual Trans-Gathering Workshop and continue facilitating safe spaces for York University's trans and non-binary students. Please promote this email with your listservs, departments, and peers.

Date: Tuesday March 23rd, 2021

Time: 4 – 5:30pm

Location: Zoom Health Webinar (online)

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/4th-annual-trans-gathering-workshop-tickets-145102271801>

Event description: In this choose-your-own-adventure-style workshop you get to choose what Jay Jonah speaks about. All topics related to being trans or non-binary are open for discussion. Possible topics can include - surgery, recovery, hormones, coming out during COVID, misgendering, dysphoria. Bring your questions - leave with information and perhaps some new friends. Note: Participation is encouraged but not required.

Please note that this workshop is open to all York community members who identify as part of our Trans and non-binary community.

Workshop Facilitator: Jay Jonah (MSW, RSW) is a trans identified social worker and mental health clinician who has worked with the queer and trans community for nearly a decade. Check out Jay's website [here](#).



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REGISTER NOW

24th Annual Osgoode Constitutional Cases Conference

Friday April 9th, 2021
10:00 AM - 4:45 PM EST
Online

KEYNOTE

**The Honourable Sheilah L. Martin of
the Supreme Court of Canada**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ON
OUR [WEBSITE](#)**



Student Leaders Colloquium 2021

The Student Leaders Colloquium is an annual conference for advanced students that focuses discussion and debate on complex economic policy issues. Policy experts will join the student participants in a relaxed atmosphere where free, open, and thoughtful discussions are encouraged. Although the Student Leaders Colloquium has a degree of structure with assigned discussion topics, the interests of the participants determine the direction of the conversation.

Upcoming Student Leaders Colloquium:

Dates: June 2/3/9/10, 2021

Times: 4:00pm-6:00pm PT/7:00pm-9:00pm ET

Location: Zoom Platform

Stipend:

Students who complete the Student Leaders Colloquium will receive a \$200 stipend.

Eligibility:

Students studying in Canada are free to apply throughout the academic 2020/2021 year. You must also:

- Be a current student enrolled in college or university, or recently graduated this academic year, between the ages of 18 and 30.
- Be a student studying in Canada or a Canadian student studying abroad.
- Be ready and prepared to actively participate throughout the duration for the conference.

Application Deadline: April 18, 2021

[APPLY NOW](#)

For More Information:

Please email tanya.nelson@fraserinstitute.org



Government Relations Principal - Earnscliffe Strategy

Earnscliffe Strategy Group is looking for an experienced Principal to join their Government Relations team. Earnscliffe Principals play a vital role in leading client teams and ensuring high-value, excellent client service. This position focuses primarily on client relationships management, business development, and management and oversight of client team service delivery. The position is available in their Toronto and their Ottawa offices.

Senior Policy Advisor (2 Positions) - Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities

The Ministry is looking for two people with well-developed research, analysis and policy development skills to join the Student Financial Assistance Branch.

Senior Policy Analysts (2 Positions) - Financial Services Regulatory Authority

As a member of the Policy Team, you will provide project leadership and expertise in the planning, development and implementation of policies, programs and evaluation frameworks that meet FSRA strategic objectives. FSRA are currently hiring two Senior Policy Analyst positions in the Market Conduct area of their Policy team. They are looking for individuals with a knowledge of Life & Health Insurance and/or Mortgage Brokering. The successful incumbents will work closely with the FSRA's Market Conduct team and the Ministry of Finance in the development of draft rules, Guidance, briefing notes, and other materials relating to the Life & Health Insurance and/or Mortgage Brokering sectors.

Senior Manager, Resilient Habitats - WWF Canada

The Senior Manager, Resilient Habitats is a highly motivated and proactive individual that can facilitate and support the effective delivery of the WWF-Canada's Strategic Plan (2020-30) as it relates to resilient habitats. The successful candidate will provide strategic direction and leadership for a team of professionals to address terrestrial and marine protection, policy issues, and emerging conservation tools from coast to coast to coast. This role requires experience and competence in applying professional and technical expertise, as well as deep knowledge of resilient habitats and general knowledge of the environmental field. Lead project and policy analysis and briefings to align partners, supporters, government agencies and others to build awareness and support of WWF-Canada's ambitious conservation goals.

Executive Director and General Counsel - Black Legal Action Centre

The Black Legal Action Centre (BLAC) is an independent, non-profit community legal clinic with a mission of combatting individual and systemic anti-Black racism by providing legal services to members of Ontario's Black communities, including engaging in advocacy, community development, law reform, test case litigation, and public legal education. BLAC is funded by Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The Executive Director will lead a team of legal and other staff and volunteers to ensure the implementation of BLAC's strategic plans, goals and objectives.

Advisor, Strategic Policy - Ontario Energy Board

The OEB are current seeking a collaborative individual to join their team as an Advisor in the Strategic Policy department. In this role, you will be responsible for assisting in the development and implementation of OEB policy initiatives. The role contributes to the development of policy insight through qualitative and quantitative research and analysis to support decision making.

Project Lead, Solid Waste Management - City of Toronto

The project lead:

- Provides policy analysis, planning and research expertise to senior management of the Division/City as it relates to the Long Term Waste Management Strategy and existing waste diversion programs.
- Leads and implements projects that examine policy options including developing policy responses, research and developing implementation plans of new waste reduction and resource recovery policies.
- Oversees policy research and analysis into assigned area ensuring that such research takes into account developments within the field, relevant waste and environmental legislations, regulations, corporate policies and practices, and by-laws.
- Formulates, influences, critiques and evaluates waste management policy positions and frameworks for implementation by the Division/City and other government levels.

Senior Advisor, Nuclear Energy Technologies - Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

In this opportunity in the Nuclear Supply Branch, Energy Supply Policy Division, you will provide advice, analysis and expertise in the development of public policies and strategies related to nuclear energy technologies in Ontario. Provide expert advice and guidance related to economic, regulatory, environmental and social considerations of nuclear energy supply in Ontario (e.g., nuclear generation projects, long-term management of nuclear waste, emerging trends and technologies in the nuclear sector). Assess the impact of initiatives and analyze and develop public policy options and strategies with respect to nuclear energy in Ontario taking into consideration economic, regulatory, environmental and social impacts. Provide policy recommendations based on research and analyses of complex technical, regulatory and economic aspects of nuclear energy. Present recommendations to senior management and suggest strategies with policy or regulatory alternatives.

Bilingual National Coordinator – OCASI

The coordinator will lead a project to organize racialized and im(migrant) and refugee women's groups (English and French) to explore interest and viability to convene a national network. The Bilingual National Coordinator will be responsible for conducting a literature review and environmental scan, developing a database of groups, convening regional and national roundtables and co-creation of a network charter. The project will be carried out using a feminist anti-racism and anti-oppression framework. The project will conclude in December 2022. While priorities and focus will be determined by network members, candidates should be grounded in a strong understanding of policy and advocacy to support the work of the network.

Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations - Alliance for Healthier Communities

The Alliance for Healthier Communities is hiring a Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations. This position will monitor and respond to relevant government activity, analyze government legislation and regulation that impacts the Alliance for Healthier Communities (Alliance) members and clients, develop and implement advocacy and communications strategies to advance the Alliance's strategic plan, and ensure the high quality delivery of the Alliance's public policy agenda.

Evaluation Manager - Shared Services Canada

Shared Services Canada (SSC) provides IT infrastructure and services for departments and agencies in the Government of Canada. It is playing a central role in delivering on the Government of Canada's digital vision by building a modern, reliable, and secure digital platform for the delivery of programs and services for Canadians. The COVID-19 pandemic has hastened the pace of change and is fostering the development of new "digital first" strategies. After COVID, many Canadians will not want to go back to lining up at service counters to access government programs. More and more services will need to move online and there will be greater expectations among Canadians for access to government services through mobile phones and other devices. Within the Public Service, the Government of Canada is actively encouraging telework as departments plan for the eventual return to workplaces. In light of these operational and strategic realities, SSC is building a best-in-class evaluation function. SSC's growing team of professionals provides neutral and independent assessments of the relevance, effectiveness and efficiency of SSC programs for the President and the Executive Board. Their analyses and recommendations help to inform key decisions for the department, add value to SSC clients, and improve the delivery of services and results for Canadians.

Policy Advisor - Environment and Climate Change Canada

This is a chance to work in the Strategic Policy Branch at ECCC. Candidates should have experience researching and analyzing environmental policy issues and preparing written analysis and/or policy advice for senior management (Director General level and/or above); experience preparing briefing notes, reports, memoranda, and/or presentations for use by senior departmental officials and for Ministers; and experience collaborating on environment-related and/or policy-related initiative(s) with representatives from one or more of the following: other federal government departments or other levels of government, Indigenous Peoples and organizations, industry, non-government organizations, or other stakeholders.

Senior Policy Advisor – Ontario Ministry of Health

A critical part of Canada's health care system provides lifesaving products and services in transfusion and transplantation for Canadian patients, and is a safeguard for Canada's systems of life essentials in blood, plasma, stem cells, and organs and tissues. The Ministry of Health's Blood Services Unit is a new multi-disciplinary team responsible for providing operational support for Canadian's blood service program. As the National Blood Portfolio lead for the next two years, the team will provide oversight of Canadian Blood Services' operations and collaborate with federal, provincial and territorial partners, Canadian Blood Services and other health care stakeholders to develop policies, guidelines and programs that ensure the blood system is able to provide a safe, secure and reliable blood supply.

Senior Policy Advisor, Privacy and Security - Elections Ontario

The Corporate Affairs unit of Elections Ontario is seeking a results-oriented leader to conduct policy research, development, and analysis as it relates to information privacy and security at Elections Ontario. The Senior Policy Advisor will contribute to operational and advisory activities related to EO's privacy program, including privacy training, privacy impact assessments, breach management, access to information requests, and monitoring and auditing.

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Digital Policy Co-op - Ontario Digital Service

The Ontario Digital Service is hiring for a co-op student to work on policy for a four or eight month term. As a digital policy co-op you will be directly involved in developing new, forward-looking digital policies in Ontario. On any given day you may:

- work on designing policy options
- co-create solutions for complex public service problems
- conduct research on best practices and partnerships
- evaluate results
- analyze and report on data
- help people across government think about service delivery in a digital age.

Volunteer Opportunities

Call for board members - Transparency International Canada

Transparency International Canada's mission is to combat corruption and promote integrity and transparency across Canada. A registered Canadian charitable organization, Transparency International Canada is a national organization operated by an active volunteer board. It relies on project grants and donations from supporters to carry out its operations. TI Canada is seeking candidates to fill three positions on its voluntary Board of Directors, starting in June 2021 for 3 years terms.



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